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A List of the Clergy,

*Belonging to the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of
South-Carolina.*

The Right Rev. Nathaniel Bowen, D. D. *Bishop.*

PRIESTS,

- The Rev. Jasper Adams, D. D. *Principal of Charleston College.*
The Rev. William H. Barnwell, *Rector of St. Peter's Church,
Charleston.*
The Rev. David I. Campbell, *Minister of St. Stephen's Parish, and
of the Chapels at the Black-Oak, and the Rocks.*
The Rev. John W. Chanler, *residing in Charleston.*
The Rev. Augustus L. Converse, *Rector of the Church at Claremont.*
The Rev. Frederick Dalcho, M. D. *Assistant Minister of St. Michael's
Parish, Charleston.*
The Rev. Francis P. Delavaux, *Rector of St. Bartholomew's Parish.*
The Rev. Rodolphus Dickinson.
The Rev. Charles P. Elliott, *Rector of Prince William's Parish.*
The Rev. Patrick H. Folker, *residing in Charleston.*
The Rev. Andrew Fowler, *Minister of Christ Church Parish.*
The Rev. Hugh Fraser, *residing in All-Saints Parish, Waccamaw.*
The Rev. Christopher E. Gadsden, D. D. *Rector of St. Philip's
Parish, Charleston.*
The Rev. Allston Gibbes, *Assistant Minister of St. Philip's Parish
Charleston.*
The Rev. Paul T. Gervais, *residing in St. John's Parish, Colleton.*
The Rev. Philip Gadsden, *Rector of St. Paul's Parish, Stono.*
The Rev. Alexander Glennie, *Rector of All-Saints Parish, Wac-
camaw.*
The Rev. Christian Hanckel, *Rector of St. Paul's Church, Radcliffe-
borough,*
The Rev. P. Trapier Keith, *Rector of Prince George's Parish,
Winyaw.*
The Rev. Maurice H. Lance, *residing in Charleston.*
The Rev. William H. Mitchell, *residing in Charleston.*
The Rev. Alexander W. Marshall, *Rector of St. David's Parish,
Cheraw.*
The Rev. David M'Elheran, *Rector of St. Helena Church, on St.
Helena Island.*
The Rev. Edward Phillips, *Rector of Grace Church, Camden.*
The Rev. Milward Pogson, *residing in Charleston.*

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The Rev. Francis H. Rutledge, *Rector of the Parish of St. Thomas and St. Denis.*

The Rev. John J. Tschudy, *Rector of St. John's Parish, Berkley.*

The Rev. Thomas House Taylor, *Rector of St. John's Parish Colleton; and of Grace Church, Sullivan's Island.*

The Rev. Edward Thomas, *Rector of Trinity Church, Edisto; and of St. Stephen's Chapel, Edingsville.*

The Rev. Paul Trapier, *Rector of St. Andrew's Parish; and of St. James' Church, James Island.*

The Rev. William S. Wilson, *Rector of St Matthew's Parish.*

The Rev. Joseph R. Walker, *Rector of St. Helena Parish, Beaufort.*

The Rev. Thomas John Young, *Rector of St. Luke's Parish.*

DEACONS.

The Rev. Daniel Cobia, *Minister of St. Stephen's Chapel, Charleston;*
the Seats in which are free.

The Rev. John S. Field, *residing in Greenville.*

The Rev. Charles E. Leverett, *residing in Beaufort.*

The Rev. Peter J. Shand, *Minister of Trinity Church Columbia.*

A LIST
OF THE
CLERGY AND LAY-DELEGATES.

WHO
ATTENDED THE CONVENTION OF 1834.



CLERGY.

- The Right Rev. Nathaniel Bowen, D. D. Bishop of the Diocese, and Rector of St. Michael's Parish, Charleston.
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- The Rev. Joseph R. Walker, Rector of St. Helena Parish, Beaufort.
- The Rev. Thomas John Young, Rector of St. Luke's Parish.

LAY-DELEGATES.

- St. Michael's Parish*—David Alexander, James Jervey, James H. Ladson, Horatio S. Waring, M. D. James Read, M. D.
- St. Philip's Parish*—Thomas Gadsden.
- St. Paul's Church, Radcliffeborough*—Major Samuel Wragg, William C. Bee.
- St. Helena Parish, Beaufort*—Stephen Elliott, jun. a candidate for Holy Orders.
- St. John's Parish, Colleton*—The Rev. Paul T. Gervais, residing in St. John's, and appointed to represent the Church in Convention.
- St. Luke's Parish*—N. B. Screven, a candidate for Holy Orders.
- St. Helena Church, on St. Helena Island*—Thomas A. Coffin.
- Prince William's Parish*—Frederick G. Fraser, Edward Brailsford, M. D.
- Grace Church, Camden*—John M. Desaussure.
- St. Paul's Church, Pendleton*—The Hon. Lieut. Governor C. C. Pinckney.
- St. James' Church, on James Island*—T. H. S. Thayer, Winborn Lawton.
- St. Peter's Church, Charleston*—William Michel, M. D.
- Trinity Church, Society Hill*—John Dewett.



The following Clergymen, entitled to seats in the Convention, did not attend:

- The Rev. Augustus L. Converse, Rector of the Church at Claremont.
- The Rev. Francis Delavaux, Rector of St. Bartholomew's Parish.
- The Rev. Edward Thomas, Rector of Trinity Church, Edisto, and of St. Stephen's Chapel, Edingsville.
- The Rev. William S. Wilson, Rector of St. Matthew's Parish.



The following Clergymen, not entitled to seats, were admitted to the sittings of the Convention:

- The Rev. John W. Chanler; the Rev. Patrick H. Folker; the Rev. John S. Field, Deacon; and the Rev. Robert Dyce, a Presbyter of the Diocese of Pennsylvania.



The Church in this Diocese, consists of the Bishop, 33 Priests, 4 Deacons, and 48 organized Congregations.

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OF THE PROCEEDINGS, &c.



Charleston, Wednesday, February 5, 1834.

THIS being the day appointed by a special resolution, for a stated meeting of the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of South-Carolina, the Right Rev. Dr. Bowen, with several of the Clergy and Lay-Delegates, attended at St. Michael's Church, at half-past 10 o'clock, when Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Mr. Barnwell, Rector of St. Peter's Church, and a Sermon delivered by the Rev. Mr. Gadsden, Rector of St. Paul's Parish, Stono. The Holy Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, was administered by the Bishop, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Gadsden, Rector of St. Philip's Parish.

The Right Rev. Bishop Bowen took the Chair, *ex-officio*. The Rev. Dr. Dalcho, Secretary.

The following Clergy attended, *ex-officio*; and the following Lay-Delegates, having presented satisfactory testimonials of their respective appointments, took their seats accordingly, viz:

St. Michael's Parish—The Right Rev. Nathaniel Bowen, D. D. Rector; the Rev. Frederick Dalcho, M. D. Assistant Minister: David Alexander, James Jervey, James H. Ladson.

St. Philip's Parish—The Rev. Christopher E. Gadsden, D. D. Rector: the Rev. Allston Gibbes, Assistant Minister: Thomas Gadsden.

St. Paul's Church, Radcliffeborough—The Rev. Christian Hanckel, Rector: Samuel Wragg.

St. Helena Parish, Beaufort—The Rev. Joseph R. Walker, Rector; Stephen Elliott, jun.

St. John's Parish, Berkley—The Rev. John Jacob Tschudy, Rector.

Prince George's Parish Winyaw—The Rev. P. Trapier Keith, Rector.

St. John's Parish Colleton—The Rev. Thomas House Taylor, Rector; the Rev. Paul T. Gervais.

Christ Church Parish—The Rev. Andrew Fowler, Minister.

St. Paul's Parish, Stono—The Rev. Philip Gadsden, Rector.

St. Luke's Parish—The Rev. Thomas John Young, Rector; N. B. Screven.

St. Helena Church, on St. Helena Island—The Rev. David M'Elheran, Rector.

Trinity Church, Columbia—The Rev. Peter J. Shand, Deacon, Minister.

St. Stephen's Parish—The Rev. David I. Campbell, Minister.

St. Thomas and St. Denis—The Rev. Francis H. Rutledge, Rector.
All-Saints, Waccamaw—The Rev. Alexander Glennie, Rector.
Grace Church, Sullivan's Island—The Rev. Thomas House Taylor, Rector.

St. Andrew's Parish—The Rev. Paul Trapier, Rector.

St. David's Parish, Cheraw—The Rev. Alexander W. Marshall, Rector.

Prince William's Parish—The Rev. Charles P. Elliott, Rector; Frederick G. Fraser, Dr. Edward Brailsford.

Grace Church, Camden—The Rev. Edward Phillips, Rector.

St. James' Church, James Island—The Rev. Paul Trapier, Rector; T. H. S. Thayer, Winborn Lawton.

A quorum of the Churches being present, the Convention proceeded to business; when the Rev. Dr. Dalcho, was unanimously re-elected Secretary and Treasurer.

The Rules of Order were read, in conformity with the 12th Rule.

The Bishop communicated to the Convention, a letter from the Vestry and Church Wardens of St. Peter's Church, stating: "that their Church has been regularly organized; that they have been elected its Vestry and Wardens; that they have engaged the services of the Rev. William H. Barnwell as their Minister; that they are willing to conform to the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention, and the Constitution and Canons of the Convention of this Diocese, which are now, or hereafter may be enacted by authority of the same; and expressing their desire of uniting with the Convention, and of becoming entitled to a representation in the same." All of which, being in conformity with the 12th Article of the Constitution, the application was granted, and St. Peter's Church admitted into union with the Convention. Dr. William Michel, having produced satisfactory testimonials of his appointment as a Lay-Delegate from the same, took his seat accordingly.

A similar application having been communicated by the Bishop, from the Vestry of Trinity Church, Society Hill, it was admitted into union with the Convention: and Mr. John Dewett, having produced satisfactory testimonials as a Lay-Delegate from the same, took his seat accordingly.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Taylor, it was Resolved, that the Clergy of the Protestant Episcopal Church, who may be in the city, and not entitled to seats; and the Candidates for Holy Orders in this Diocese, be admitted to the sittings of the Convention.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Taylor, the President was requested to appoint Preachers to the next Convention: whereupon, the Rev. Mr. Young, Rector of St. Luke's Parish, was appointed to preach at the opening of the Convention; and in case of his failure, the Rev. Mr. Phillips, Rector of Grace Church, Camden.

The Rev. Dr. Gadsden, President of the Standing Committee, presented for the information of the Convention, the following abstract of their proceedings during the past year:

To the Right Rev. Nathaniel Bowen, D. D.

President of the Convention of the Diocese of South-Carolina:

The President of the Standing Committee presents for the information of the Convention, the following statement of their official acts since the last Convention:

They have, in the discharge of their canonical duty, recommended to the Bishop, to be received as Candidates for Holy Orders, Messrs. Charles C. Pinckney, jun. Thomas C. Dupont, Cranmore Wallace, Stephen Elliott, jun. William J. Boone and William Elliott, jun.; to be admitted to the Holy Order of Deacons, Messrs. William H. Barnwell, Daniel Cobia, and Peter J. Shand; and to the Holy Order of Priests, the Rev. William H. Barnwell.

They have refused their assent to the consecration of the Rev. James H. Otey, elected by the Convention of Tennessee, Bishop of the said State, it not appearing on the face of the documents certifying said election, that there were then resident in the State of Tennessee, the canonical number of Presbyters duly qualified to vote for a Bishop.

In behalf of the Standing Committee,

C. E. GADSDEN, President.

Charleston, February 5th, 1823.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Gadsden, the President was requested to appoint the Standing Committee of the Diocese for the ensuing year; whereupon, the President made the following appointment:

The Rev. Christopher E. Gadsden, D.D.	David Alexander,
Paul. T. Gervais,	Thomas Lowndes,
Frederick Dalcho, M. D.	James Jervey,
Allston Gibbes,	Samuel Wragg,
Christian Hanckel,	Joshua W. Toomer.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Gadsden, the President was requested to appoint a Committee on the General Theological Seminary; whereupon the President appointed the Rev. Dr. Gadsden, the Rev. Mr. Taylor, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Jervey and Mr. Elliott.

On motion, the President appointed the following gentlemen to represent the Church in this Diocese, in the next General Convention:

The Rev. Dr. Gadsden,	William Heyward,
Edward Thomas.	Thomas Lowndes,
Thomas House Taylor,	John Potter,
Christian Hanckel,	Samuel Wragg.

The Annual Report of the Protestant Episcopal Society, in relation to the funds committed to them in trust by the Convention, was read as follows:

The Board of Trustees of the Protestant Episcopal Society, for the Advancement of Christianity in South-Carolina, submit their Report on the Bishop's Permanent and Common Funds.

From the statement of the Permanent Fund for the last year, folio 22, and new ledger, page 1, it will appear that the credits for interest,

and dividends received during the year, amount to \$620 50; three-fourths of which, or \$465 37½ have been transferred to the Common Fund, in pursuance of the resolution of the Convention of the 20th February, 1818. At the date of the last account, there was a balance of \$65 90 against this Fund, this sum, with the proportion of income transferred to the Common Fund, and the Treasurer's commissions, compose the debtor's side of the statement, and make a balance in favor of the Fund, of \$58 20.

From the statement of the Common Fund, at folio 54, and new ledger, page 1, it will appear, that the sum of \$1,200 has been paid to St. Michael's Church, for the salary of the Assistant Minister, for the year which ended on the 1st March 1833. A statement of the debt due to St. Michael's Church, will be found at folio 37. The balance of principal remaining due on the 8th May, 1827, being \$775 52.

The receipts for the Common Fund during the year ending in February 1833, amounting to \$984 50, will be found at folio 53, and the names of the Churches contributing thereto, (with the exception of St. Paul's, Stono, from which Church \$10 has since been received) are published in the journal of the last Convention, page 34.

The above sum, together with three-fourths of the income of the Permanent Fund, transferred as above stated to the credit of this Fund, together with the balance in the Treasurer's hands, on the 1st February, 1833, make up the sum of \$1,968 55¼, of which sum, after deducting the sum of \$1,200 paid to the Assistant Minister of St. Michael's Church, and the Treasurer's commissions, there remains at the credit of this Fund, \$719 33¾.

Signed in behalf of the Board,

NATHANIEL BOWEN,

Ex-officio, President of the Soc. for the Adv. of Chris. in So. Caro.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Taylor, the Convention adjourned until to-morrow morning, at ten o'clock.

Thursday, February 6th, 1834.

The Convention met according to adjournment. Morning Prayer was read by the Rev. Mr. Glennie, Rector of All-Saints Parish, Waccamaw, and a Sermon delivered by the Rev. Mr. Walker, Rector of St. Helena Parish, Beaufort.

Dr. Horatio S. Waring, and Dr. James Read, Lay-Delegates from St. Michael's Parish; and William C. Bee, from St. Paul's Church, Radcliffeborough; whose certificates of appointment were yesterday read and approved: and Messrs. C. C. Pinckney, from St. Paul's Church, Pendleton; Mr. John M. Desaussure, from Grace Church, Camden; and Mr. Thomas A. Coffin, from St. Helena Church, on St. Helena Island, having presented satisfactory testimonials of their several appointments, appeared and took their seats accordingly.

Conformably with the 51st Canon of the General Convention, for "securing an accurate view of the state of the Church from time to time;" the Bishop delivered the following address:

Brethren of the Clergy and Laity:

God in his great goodness, having permitted us again to meet each other in Convention, I beg leave to submit for your information, the proceedings and transactions in which, in the relation which I bear to you, I have been concerned, since we were last assembled, and other matters tending to shew the actual state of the Diocese, with such remarks as it has seemed proper that I should offer.

In the performance of visitation duty, I have been permitted, in the course of the Conventional year, to be present officially, at Walterborough Chapel, St. Bartholomew's Parish; at St. Helena's Church, Beaufort; at St. Luke's Church, St. Luke's Parish; and at Zion Chapel, and the Chapel of the Holy Trinity in the same Parish; at Biggin Church, and at the Rocks' Chapel, in St. John's, Berkley; at St. Matthew's Church, St. Matthew's Parish, and Totness Chapel, in the same Parish; at St. Paul's, Summerville; at St. Paul's, Pendleton; at Christ Church, Greenville; at Trinity Church, Columbia; at Grace Church, Camden; at Claremont Church, Stateburg; at Pineville Chapel, St. Stephen's Parish; and at St. Paul's, Radcliffeborough. When visiting the Southern part of the Diocese, attention was extended, also, beyond its limits, to Christ Church, Savannah; in conformity with the provision, by which, the Churches in Georgia, are temporarily served with such ministrations as it is in my power, to afford them. At all the places named, Confirmation was administered, except at Totness Chapel, Claremont Church, and Pineville Chapel. The whole number of persons confirmed, since the last Convention, including those confirmed at Savannah, is only 187. The Clergy are aware of their duty, in relation to occasions of the administration of this important rite, and, it is believed, that their duty is done. Perhaps, however, a more full and earnest exhibition, of the claims of the subject, than we generally may deem necessary, in *repeated* discourses addressed both to parents and sponsors, and the young, might be found available to overcome the indifference with which, it is an evil of our day, to find it, in many places regarded. That pastoral solicitude exerted for the young, is more and more required by the moral character of our day, and the circumstances in which we have especially been placed, and that the exertion of it, accompanied with the utmost wisdom and industry, is pre-eminently obligatory upon us, is, I am confident, a sentiment, which will command, the strong and cordial sympathy of all who share with me, in the Diocese, the responsibilities of its ministry.

On the occasion of my visiting St. Helena's Church, Beaufort, Mr. William H. Barnwell was admitted to Deacons' Orders; and in St. Luke's Parish, the Chapel on Hilton Head Island, which had been for several years thrown out of use, as to the worship for which it had originally been erected, but which had recently been recovered to its rightful design, by a prudent and inoffensive interposition on the part of the Rector of the Parish, was consecrated, by the name of Zion Chapel, Hilton Head. Besides the instance of Ordination just mentioned, I have to report, as having taken place within the year, and proper to the Diocese, that of Mr. Daniel Cobia, a Deacon, in August last;

that of Mr. Peter J. Shand, also a Deacon, in January, and that of Mr. William H. Barnwell, a Priest, on Sunday last. Mr. Barnwell having served the Church at Pendleton, during the summer and fall, has accepted the charge of a Congregation newly organized in this city, and is now the Rector of St. Peter's Church, Charleston. Mr. Cobia, immediately on his being admitted to Deacon's Orders, was appointed to the charge of St. Stephen's Chapel, the place of worship provided for the free use of the *Poor of our Communion*, in this city; and Mr. Shand has become engaged to serve the Church, at Columbia. We are encouraged to hope, that this important station of our Ministry, is now, after the affliction of a long vacancy, to be happily reinstated in the experience of the comforts and benefits of the means of grace. Occasion having occurred to mention the organization of St. Peter's Church, in this city, I cannot forbear to express the hope, with which I am affected, that an accession is thus made to the Ministry here, of our Church, from which, increase will come, not only to its numbers, but to its honour and prosperity also, by means of sound Christian instruction, discipline, and order. The Congregation thus newly formed, is favoured, for the present, with the gratuitous use of the building belonging to the venerable Corporation of the French Protestants. It is hoped, that a more commodious place of worship will soon be provided.

I feel it to be proper for me to take occasion to mention, in connexion with the subject of this new Church instituted in the city, that having been referred to for advice relative to its incorporation, I suggested the introduction of a clause into the draught of an act to be obtained from the Legislature for the purpose, providing that the Rector of the Church should be always one of the Vestry, and when present, should preside at the Board. The suggestion was cordially received and approved by the individual, to whom the preparing the Act of Incorporation was committed; but the clause containing the provision proposed, was objected to, by a meeting subsequently held, of those concerned—and was accordingly omitted. It was advised, under the impression, that no objection would be raised against it, in the case of a new corporation, unaffected with the prejudice, which, on this subject, has so much prevailed in this portion, almost alone, of the Protestant Episcopal Church—and that a precedent once happily, and without agitation, set, would become the rule, in other cases of new corporations of the kind, in a manner greatly conducive to the advancement of the welfare and harmony of Churches, and the proper parochial influence of their Ministers. The rejection, in this instance, of the proposition, was owing, I am persuaded, to erroneous impressions, which no one present, at the meeting referred to, was sufficiently conversant with facts, to be disposed to endeavour to remove. I am not diffident to say that I still clearly entertain the impression, justified by experience and observation, that it would have been good for the Church, if the suggestion made in consequence of the reference to me for advice, had been adopted. The Minister who cannot preside in the Vestry of a Church with the respect and confidence of those of whom it consists, is not fit

to have the charge of such Church. I will only add, that on occasions of the kind referred to, affecting the business of particular Congregations, formed, or being formed, my opinions shall never be obtruded upon my Brethren of the Laity, unless the interest of vital principle may seem to me to demand it. When asked, however, they shall be freely given, with the reasons which may induce them to be entertained.

In addition to the few Ordinations proper to the Diocese, that of Mr. George White, of Georgia, a Deacon, was held in this Church, in December last.

Candidates for Orders, received since the last Convention, are C. C. Pinckney, jun., Cranmore Wallace, Thomas C. Dupont, Stephen Elliott, jun. W. J. Boone, and William Elliott. These, added to those previously registered, make the whole number of Candidates, now belonging to the Diocese, to be 10.

The number of our Clergy has been reduced by the death of the Rev. Thomas Gates, and that of the Rev. Henry Gibbes. The former had attained the very advanced age of 87 years. He had for nearly forty years retired from all exercise of the Ministry, in consequence of chronic infirmity; but manifested, for many years past, an affectionate interest in the business and condition of the Church. Mr. Gibbes was not, at the time of his death, in any stated exercise of the Ministry, having relinquished two or three years before, the Charge of All-Saints Parish, Waccamaw, of which he had been, for several years, from the time of his first Ordination, the affectionate and much esteemed Minister.

No one of our Clergy has removed from the Diocese.

St. Paul's Church, Pendleton, is vacant, in consequence of the removal of Mr. Barnwell, to this city. The other vacancies existing, are only those which were reported to the last Convention: that of St. Mark's, Clarendon, to which none has been appointed, since the resignation of the charge, by the Rev. Mr. Chandler—that of St. James', Santee, and the Church at North Santee, of which the Rev. Mr. W. H. Mitchell, was the Rector, in the last instance; that of Christ Church, Greenville, and St. James', Goose-Creek. The Rev. Mr. Converse, of Claremont, has served the first named, so far as his other duties would permit, for the greater part of the last year, by the desire of the Protestant Episcopal Society for the Advancement of Christianity—and the others have been, in a greater or less degree, supplied with occasional ministrations, by the Rev. Mr. Folker, and the Rev. Mr. Leverett, at the expense of the same institution. Mr. Leverett, was more properly, the stated Minister of Christ Church, Greenville, for the spring and summer, as a Missionary of the Society.

The business of our Society just named, is inseparably involved in that of the Diocese. It has continued its aid to several of its Churches, in the support of their Ministers; and has permitted me, by a sum placed at my disposal, to defray the expenses of some occasional Missionary services. There are many places in the Diocese, where Ministers engaged as Missionaries of the Society, might be expected to be success-

ful in organizing Congregations. The funds of the Society are not adequate to that, which, it is reasonably desirable, that we should be enabled so to do. Favoured as it has been, it still needs much at the hands of friends of the Church and Society, not yet numbered among contributors to its funds.

The monthly periodical publication, which by means of the generous zeal and perseverance, chiefly of an individual Clergyman, otherwise oppressively employed, has struggled on for a greater number of years, than any other publication of the same kind, distinctly, in our Church, ever has been continued, must, I fear, be abandoned, if other support than it now receives, is not extended to it. It is important as a vehicle, of useful and necessary information to members *generally* of the Church, and I must be permitted to solicit for it the help of many, who might, with no inconvenience to themselves, afford it.

We have done nothing, this year, in aid of the General Seminary of our Church. The generous exertions of our Brethren in the Diocese of New-York, and the City of Philadelphia, are an example, which it may be hoped, will influence the conduct of the Church in general. We have not been comparatively wanting; and shall, it is hoped, continue to aid, in some degree, the deficiency which exists as to the income of the funds of the institution. The attention which it received at your instance, in the last year, was creditable to the interest always professed and manifested by this Diocese in this important object. We may, perhaps, for the present, expect the action, in this behalf, of other Dioceses, whose proceeding in relation to it, has not yet been reported, to preclude the need of ours. The Seminary continues progressively to work important benefit to the Church. It now numbers more students than at any former period. Our Diocese has realized a happy share of the good it had so sanguinely anticipated from this institution—and we cannot but painfully regret that its Candidates for the Ministry, should not all avail themselves of its advantages. Only one of them is now a member of it. A prejudice founded in utterly erroneous information, has induced a preference of a Diocesan institution, which, whatever may be the merit of its claims upon students of the Diocese for which it was particularly instituted, can, I am sincerely persuaded, reasonably have none on persons contemplating the Ministry in this, where, as well *before the institution of the General Seminary, as ever since its institution*, the Church, collectively, has made the interest of education at *at such a Seminary*, an object of its anxious attention—and of its proportionably liberal and unwearied munificence. Considering that of this Seminary, to be the most “proper direction,” *under which*, the Candidates of the Diocese, should “pursue their studies,” I could not but advise that they all should resort to it. It is not pretended, that others, may not, have a perfect right to entertain a preference for other auspices of clerical education. It may not, however, seem to you likely to minister to the harmony and happiness of the Diocese, that, without very strong considerations, requiring it, any of its candidates, without reference to those who may properly be regarded, as their Canonical advisers on this subject, should go else wherein

pursuit of such education, than where the Church of the Diocese, has made its own provision for it.

Of such of our Candidates for Orders, (four in number) as are pursuing their preparatory studies elsewhere than at our Seminary, I have received none but favourable and encouraging report. I am not to question either the learning, piety, or faithfulness of their instructors.

The alteration of the Rubric of the Book of Common Prayer, proposed by the last General Convention, and to be acted upon at the next, should be kept in view, in order to their being intelligently considered, before your determination in their favour or against them, shall be required. They will, probably, all except one, have your ready assent. The one to which I refer is that which affects the manner in which the Psalms may be read. That they all may be kept in mind, and as the Journal of the last year, in which they were inserted, may be not generally had, I think it proper to bring them before you, in order to their appearing upon the Journal of this Convention. They are as follows:

"*Resolved*, The House of Clerical and Lay-Deputies concurring, that it be made known to the several Diocesan Conventions, that it is hereby proposed for adoption at the next General Convention, to insert the following Rubric after the "Prayer to be used at the meetings of Convention:" "During the period of the session of any General or Diocesan Convention, the above Prayer may be used by all Congregations of this Church, or of the Diocese concerned; the clause '*here assembled in thy name and presence*,' being changed to '*now assembled in thy name and presence*; and the clause '*govern us in our present work*,' to '*govern them in their present work*.'

"*Resolved*, The House of Clerical and Lay-Deputies concurring, that it be made known to the several Diocesan Conventions, that it is hereby proposed for adoption at the next General Convention, to insert the said prayer and rubric at the end of the 'Prayers upon several occasions, to be used before the two final prayers at Morning and Evening service.'

"*Resolved*, That with the concurrence of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, it be made known to the Conventions of the several Dioceses, that is hereby proposed to alter the Rubric before the 'Selections of the Psalms,' so as to read: 'the following Selections of Psalms, or any one or more Psalms, or any portions of the 119th Psalms in the Psalter, may be used instead of the Psalms for the day, at the discretion of the Minister. And that the fourth paragraph of the 'Order how the Psalter is appointed to be read,' be erased."

"*Resolved*, The House of Clerical and Lay-Deputies concurring, that it be made known to the Conventions of the several Dioceses, that it is hereby proposed to alter the last Rubric before the Communion Service, by substituting the word '*right*' for the word '*north*.'"—See *Jour. Gen. Convention*, 1832, pp. 93-94.

In connexion with matters affecting our Church in general, it may be proper to mention, that having received the circular of the venerable presiding Bishop, agreeably to the 5th Canon, informing me of the consent of a majority of the Standing Committees of the Dioceses, to the consecration of the Rev. Dr. Otey, as Bishop elect, and implying his application for an expression of my assent, or the contrary, as one of those, with a majority of whom it rested, according to the 7th Canon, finally to determine whether the consecration should take place or not, it was unavoidably necessary for me to be one of a small minority, who could not concur in this interesting proposal. Having known the Reverend person to whom it refers, no otherwise than by highly favourable report, I had no ground on which to rest my dissent as to his consecra-

tion, except what had seemed to me, an irregularity in the manner of his election. The requisite number of properly qualified electors, according to the Canon, providing for the manner of Episcopal elections, did not seem to me, in this case to have been had; and in reference to a matter of such importance to the honour and happiness of the Church, I had rather err on the side of a too rigid construction of the letter of Canonical provision, than on the opposite.

Reverting now, before dismissing your attention, to things which affect our own portion, in particular, of the Church, I must beg you, to indulge me, with an expression, once more, of my anxiety, that the faith may be held among us, in *unity of spirit and in the bond of peace*. It cannot be hoped to be so held, if we act on widely differing constructions of the obligations which the Church imposes, in relation to its outward order. Things essentially indifferent, cease to be indifferent, and violence done them, of course, ceases to be without offence, when we have engaged to observe them as the common rule of social action.

It had been early adopted as a rule of my official conduct, with respect to my Brethren in the Pastoral Ministry, that I should interpose no opinion or advice against the means and measures which in their several spheres, they might deem it good for them to use, for the furtherance of the interest of their charge, however inexpedient, I might, individually, think them, so long as the Liturgy and Canons of the Church were not manifestly dishonoured, and the distinctive character of our institutions put away from the view of the people, in a manner calculated to weaken, in their minds, the preference which it claimed. From this rule, I am not conscious of having departed, I regret that it has been rendered necessary for me, however, to express my decided disapprobation of some measures, by which the interest of religion has seemed, to some of my very esteemed Brethren, to demand to be served. Invested with no authority by the Canons to interpose in any other way; and averse to the use of any authority which might constructively be claimed, with respect to any such proceedings, in some points especially, seriously objectionable, I have endeavoured by advice and remonstrance, to cause them to be discontinued. In the opinions in reference to them heretofore expressed, I have found my confidence strengthened by observation, and the concurrence not of all of my own order, only in our Ministry, but of the experienced, the wise, and pious, of other denominations. The means of promoting religion, which in some instances have been used within the Diocese, (I allude to the detail of what have been called protracted or revival meetings, where our Ministry and others have been commingled in religious services, and where Canonical obligations have, I fear, been, by our Clergy, sometimes overlooked,) have no countenance from any, to whose judgment I can hold myself obliged to defer. Experience is, I am aware, appealed to in their favour. But the argument from the fact of the good which these proceedings have occasioned, much as I rejoice in that good, I cannot but think unsound. It proves too much. Nor can it be admitted, that this good effect might not have resulted, at least, in its most unquestionable features, if not suddenly, yet gradually, in God's good

time, from an equal exertion of ability and zeal, without any violation of our Church's order.

But waiving any further observation on the subject, I will dismiss it with the expression of my unaltered and undiminished confidence, in the means of grace which the regular ministrations of our Church constitute, when exercised with pious energy and zeal, in order to the advancement of its interest, in the happiness of men and the divine glory, and my affectionate and earnest entreaty that, by these, my Brethren, will strive to the utmost *to make full proof of their Ministry*; and not by their countenance and aid extended to eccentric proceedings which have taken their rise, and found their principal field of operation among other descriptions of Christian people, on the one hand, minister, however indirectly and undesignedly, to the diminution, in the minds, of some, at least, over whom they are appointed, of a due confidence in the doctrine and religious order of their own Church; and on the other, to the increase and diffusion of what we all should regard with concern, as an unsound and unwholesome Christianity.

I have spoken thus, as a necessity, by no means agreeable had seemed to make my duty. A still more painful necessity must now be met of adverting to things which relate, in some manner, to myself personally. I cannot conclude on this occasion of addressing you, without submitting for your friendly consideration, my desire more and more strongly entertained, to be in some manner exonerated from double and conflicting responsibilities, to which I feel myself unequal. The burden of the Episcopate, has undergone, at least, a three-fold increase, since I assumed it, and that of the special parochial relation which I then, and have ever since sustained, has not been adequately lessened. I do not wish relief from labour, or to have less of it assigned me, than I can do. I may, however, reasonably, you will admit, not be willing to be subjected to an increasing weight of obligations, with their accompanying anxieties, which it may not be possible for me to sustain, with benefit to the interest to which they refer. Any arrangement, by which I might be given, without being more burdensome, to be myself less burdened, and by which, at the same time, the Church might be more efficiently served, would meet my glad acquiescence.

NATHANIEL BOWEN.

The following Parochial Reports, required by the 51st Canon of the General Convention, having been presented to the Bishop, were severally read:

St. Michael's Parish, Charleston.

The Right Rev. Nathaniel Bowen, D. D. Rector.

The Rev. Frederick Dalcho, M. D. Assistant Minister.

Baptisms—White Adult, 1, Coloured 2: Total, 3. White Children, 21, Coloured 11; Total, 35. Marriages—White 8, Coloured 1; Total, 9. Burials—White 26; Coloured, 4; Total, 30. Communicants—White 320, Coloured 62: Total 382. Non-Communicants, White 340;

Coloured, about 60: Total 400. White Children under 14, about 300. Families—White, 245. Children catechised 8 days, 75 White. Confirmed by the Bishop, 9 White. Number of Teachers in the Sunday School, White, 24. Number of Scholars, White 97; Coloured 20; Total 117. Public Worship held on 50 Sundays; and 84 other days: whole number of times, 184.

REMARKS.—The number of Families composing this Congregation, was by mistake, overstated in the last year's report. It could not then have been more than 5 or 6 greater than as now reported. There has been some diminution by removals from the city. In the present year there will be more, in consequence of the difficulty of obtaining Pews, and the institution of a new Congregation in the city. The whole number of Pews is smaller than the number of Families, (not exceeding 145) and there is no present probability that it will be increased. The number of Communicants is smaller than before represented; several have been removed by death, and some have left the city. The Coloured people of the Congregation have been instructed in a lecture addressed and adapted particularly to them, as circumstances permitted. The collection and Sermon as required by the Canon for the Bishop's Common Fund, have been had. The congregation according to the Resolution of the last Convention, contributed cheerfully to the deficiency of the General Seminary's income, and the sum raised amounted to \$164 25. A female and a male Bible Class have been set on foot, and promise to be useful. The Sunday School needs more countenance and assistance from parents in the Congregation. The Library consists of 375 volumes. Several of the families numbered as of this Congregation, belong also to other Congregations for some portion of the year. The Church has, at great expense, been put into complete repair, and a contract entered into for an improvement of its already excellent Organ. By the removal of two or three gallery pews belonging to the Vestry, a considerable addition has been made to the accommodation before had, for coloured people, A Lecture was read twice a week during Lent as usual; and candidates for Confirmation were instructed by the Assistant Minister in the absence of the Rector. The smallness of the number of persons confirmed, is explained by there being an annual confirmation held in the city, common to all the congregations. The Church was closed on two Sundays, on account of repairs in progress.

St. Philip's Parish, Charleston.

The Rev. Christopher E. Gadsden, D. D. Rector.

The Rev. Allston Gibbes, Assistant Minister.

Baptisms—Coloured Adult 1. White Children, 33, Coloured 27: Total 60. Total of Baptisms 61. Marriages—11 White; 18 Coloured; Total 29. Burials—White 50; Coloured 23: Total 73. Communicants—White 321; Coloured, about 175: Total 496. Non-Communi-cants—White 413; Children under 14, White, 370. Families, White, 330. Coloured persons under the last three heads, cannot be ascertained. Children catechised on about 32 days; White, about 100;

Coloured, about 30: Total 130. Confirmed by the Bishop, White 6; Coloured 5; Total 11. Number of Teachers in the Sunday School, White 23; Coloured 10: Total 30. Number of Scholars, White 174; Coloured, 150: Total 324. Public Worship held on 52 Sundays; on other days, 89: Whole number of times, 197.

REMARKS.—*Religious Education.* The system, as stated in our last year's report, has been continued, viz: the children were catechised for several successive Sundays, at three seasons, Advent, Lent, and Midsummer; and the candidates for Confirmation instructed, in the *Church by the Ministers.* And the Sunday Schools for White and Coloured Children, conducted according to the plan of our General Sunday School Union, with the exception of a few particulars. The number of Pupils is less than it was last year, owing in part to the vicinity of "St. Stephen's Sunday School," in which some members of St. Philip's are engaged as Teachers. The Infant School has 25 White Children, who are taught orally as they cannot read. The "Children's Magazine" has about 100 Subscribers. There has been added a second Sunday School for persons of colour, held after the "Evening Service" as the first is held after the "Morning Service," some servants being able to attend more conveniently at the former, and some at the latter time.

The "Parish Library" has been increased by the donation of a few books, and regularly opened every Friday, and Festival (when it occurred on a week day) by a member of the congregation, who gives his faithful services in the useful office of Librarian, and has made a complete catalogue of the books.

A "Classical and English School" is held during the week, in our Sunday School House, and is in some measure encouraged. Its pupils are religiously instructed, and attend at the Church on all the days of worship, held during the week.

Charity.—The five Societies named in our last year's report, are still aided by members of our congregation. To the income of our General Theological Seminary, the sum of \$159 has been contributed, in conformity to the recommendation of our Diocesan Convention, and collections have been made at the Church doors for the "Society for the Advancement of Christianity," the Sunday School Society of St. Philip's Church, and the Bible Society. The alms at the Holy Communion has exceeded the amount of the preceding year by \$84, some of our members having been more than usually liberal in their contributions to this useful fund. The thank offering after child-birth, has been received, we regret to say, in only two instances.

Miscellaneous.—The Sermon on the "Episcopal Office" was postponed, as few persons were present (the day being inclement) but will meet early attention.

St. Paul's Church, Radcliffeborough.

The Rev. Christian Hanckel, Rector.

Baptisms—White Adult 1; Coloured 1: Total 2. White Children 13; Coloured 8: Total 21. Total of Baptisms, 23. Marriages—5

White; 2 Coloured: Total 7. Burials—White 14; Coloured 1: Total 15. Communicants—White 290; Coloured 30: Total 320. Non-Communicants—White 450; Coloured 74: Total 524. Children under 14, White 402; Coloured 58: Total 460. Families—265 White; 24 Coloured: Total 289. Children catechised on 22 days, from 70 to 80, White; and from 30 to 40 Coloured. Confirmed by the Bishop, 10 White, 5 Coloured: Total 15. Number of Teachers in the Sunday School, 22 White. Number of Scholars, 215 White; 47 Coloured: Total 262. Public worship held each Sunday in the year; on Wednesdays, and all Fasts and Festivals.

REMARKS—In consequence of sickness, and my subsequent absence for several months, the usual collection for the Bishop's Common Fund, has not yet been made. There is nothing to be remarked respecting the state of the Congregation, except, that it still continues to increase, as may be seen by a comparison of the present return with that of the preceding year; and that besides the Non-Communicants reported in the annexed table, we have the company of troops stationed at the Citadel, as worshippers at St. Paul's. A few volumes have been added to the Sunday School Library, during the past year, and a very considerable number to the Parish Library, among which, it gives me great pleasure to acknowledge a donation of several from Mrs. Jonathan Lucas, of London, who was formerly a highly valued and exemplary member of St. Paul's. The Sunday School of this Church, is flourishing and prosperous under the superintendence of Thomas S. Deas, Esq. whose devoted attention to its interests, entitle him to our deep and sincere gratitude. The weekly instructions of the Bible Class, which were suspended by my absence, are about to be resumed, and a class has already been formed. Nothing has yet been done to organize an Association from amongst the congregation, auxiliary to the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society; but as soon as a favourable opportunity occurs, an effort will be made to do so.

Prince George's Parish, Winyaw.

The Rev. P. Trapier Keith, Rector.

Baptisms—White Adult, 1; Children, White, 5; Coloured 1: Total 7. Marriages—White, 2; Coloured, 4: Total 6. Burials—White, 5; Coloured, 2: Total 7. Communicants—White, 44; Coloured, 12; Total 56. Non-Communicants—White, 57. Children under 14, White, 68. Families—White 40. Children catechised on 8 days, about 28. Number of Teachers in the Sunday School, White, 5. Number of Scholars, 28. Public Worship performed in the Church at Georgetown, about 30 Sundays; and on other days, about 30. At North Island, about 20. Whole number of times, 80.

REMARKS.—The congregation continues to decrease along with the decrease in the numbers and intelligence of the inhabitants of the district, and while it thus diminishes, its means become too small to meet old demands upon the Church. The Rector is therefore forced constantly to contemplate the painful spectacle of a decreasing congrega-

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tion, and an embarrassed Church; and from the urgent character of one demand upon it, is even apprehensive that the Building may be sold. However humiliating the truth, he feels called upon to acknowledge it in a report of the state of the Parish, while he devoutly prays that God may bring better days, upon this portion of his Zion.

St. Helena Parish, Beaufort.

The Rev. Joseph R. Walker, Rector.

Baptisms—Coloured Adults, 8. Children, White, 12: Total 20. Marriages—White, 3: Coloured 2: Total 5. Burials—White 6. Communicants—White 144, Coloured, 40: Total 184. Non-Communicants—White, 49. Children under 14, White 153. Families—White 50. Children catechised 5 days. Confirmed by the Bishop, White 39. Number of Teachers in the Sunday School, White 14; Coloured 31: Total 45. Number of Scholars, White 95; Coloured 230: Total 325. Public Worship performed on 52 Sundays; on other days, 109 times: whole number of times, 213.

REMARKS.—The Church continues pretty much as last reported. One communicant has died. A considerable number of both white and coloured communicants have removed from the Parish. Few additions to the communion have been made or can be reasonably expected, till the present young generation have advanced to maturity. Using the terms as commonly understood, the "Church" and the "Congregation" are nearly identified.

I am grateful to the Head of the Church, that our "people have a mind to work." They come up in a good degree to the spirit of religious enterprise, which so peculiarly characterises the age. Six regular, virtually eight—Scholarships for the education of pious young men for the ministry of the Church, have been established. Disappointed in repeated attempts to get a missionary of the Church for the coloured people in the neighbourhood, cordial aid has been given to the mission of the Methodist Church amongst them; and the labours of their devoted missionary has not I believe been in vain. Independently of this, and of some more private donations to the same objects, upwards of fifteen hundred dollars have within the year been contributed by our people to the education of young men for the ministry, and to the cause of missions connected with the Church. A collection has been made agreeably to the resolution of the last Convention, in aid of the income of the General Seminary, and also one in aid of the "Bishop's Common Fund."

St. John's Parish, Berkley.

The Rev. John Jacob Tschudy, Rector.

Baptisms—White Children, 4. Burials—White, 1. Communicants—White, 43; Coloured, 34: Total 77. Non-Communicants—White, 72. Children under 14; White 74. Families—White, 49. Confirmed by the Bishop, 5 Whites. Public Worship held on 13 Sundays, and one

other day, at St. John's Church; 13 Sundays and one other day at Strawberry Chapel; and 26 Sundays in the Pine Land. Whole number of times, 54.

St. John's Parish, Colleton.

The Rev. Thomas House Taylor, Rector.

Baptisms—Coloured Adults, 9; White Children, 9: Total 18. Marriage—White, 1. Burials, White, 3. Communicants—White 31; Coloured, 51: Total 82. Children under 14, White, 88. Families—White, 41. Public Worship held on 30 Sundays, and 2 other days. Whole number of times, 32.

REMARKS.—With feelings of subdued and grateful joy, the Rector of this small but wholesome Parish, reports its continued prosperity. Under a deep sense of the imperfection of too many of his services, he is yet enabled to say, that this Church, from the period of his connexion with it, has been steadily improving. The number of communicants has increased more than sevenfold. Although perhaps no Parish in our Diocese has been more severely afflicted in the yearly removal by death, of the influential and cherished members of society, who have successively joined our communion. The Church edifice has been enlarged and improved; our funds are sufficient to meet our wants, and continue to be managed with the most admirable fidelity and skill. In the past year, the children have as usual been catechised at their school room, and from house to house, as opportunity offered. The coloured portion of the population has continued to receive as much of my attention as circumstances would admit of. The number of this class of persons attending on the Public Worship of the Church, is generally as large as our Gallery can accommodate. And I am persuaded, that nothing would be easier than to swell my list of communicants to an almost indefinite extent, if I would but invest men of their own colour, with something of spiritual power, and send them forth, as emissaries, in our cause amongst their fellows. But in such a constitution of society as our own, to make slaves the religious instructors of slaves, is a proceeding pregnant with mischief: as much so to the slaves themselves, as to the order and happiness of the community. The extent of influence possessed by such preachers, is almost incredible; and I fear, that the abuse of that influence is every where equal to its extent. Every year's experience serves more, and more to convince me, that any thing like the effectual religious training and instruction of this class of people, by the regular Parochial Clergy, is not even to be hoped for. May God grant, that some amongst us may live to see the day, when some more efficient provision may be devised.

Christ Church Parish.

The Rev. Andrew Fowler, Minister.

Baptism—Coloured Adult, 1. White Children, 3: Total 4. Burials—White 1; Coloured 2: Total 3. Communicants—10 White. Non-Communicants—White 18. Children under 14, White 48. Families—White, 16. Children catechised 17 days, 44 White. Number of

Teachers in the Sunday School, 5 White. Number of Scholars, 17 White. Public Worship held on 44 Sundays.

REMARKS.—Public Worship has been performed in this Parish, 44 Sundays: 24 Sundays we had two services in a day, and 20 Sundays only one service in a day. The behaviour of the people as usual, was serious and attentive. The children in our catechetical School, deserve great praise for their steady adherence to their duty, and the three gentlemen whom I have before mentioned in my reports to the Convention, still afford me their kind assistance. We have raised money sufficient to build a small Chapel of Ease, in the village of Mount Pleasant, in this Parish, which we shall begin to erect as soon as I can raise \$250, to purchase a proper site for it, having already collected about \$100, towards it.

St. Paul's Parish, Stono.

The Rev. Philip Gadsden, Rector.

Marriage—1 White. Burial—White, 1. Communicants—White 7. Non-Communicants—White 23. Children under 14, White, 23. Families—White 11. Public Worship held on 26 Sundays, and on 2 other days. Whole number of times, 28.

REMARKS.—In St. Paul's Church, Summerville, divine service has been held on 24 Sundays. Baptism—White 1. Marriage—Coloured, 1. Burials—White 5. Communicants—White 5. Confirmed by the Bishop, 4. Children under 14, White, 6. Families—White 7. Sunday School, number of scholars, from 12 to 15. Teacher, 1; beside the Rector, on whom devolved generally the sole charge. The children of the congregation catechised once a month. One family has removed from us, and one has been added. We have lost by death one of our most valued members, and a steady communicant of the Church, as also the most prominent member of the vestry. Death and removal have also deprived us of two other members of our very small flock at most. But affliction we trust has been the means of adding one to our few communicants.

St. Bartholomew's Parish.

The Rev. Francis P. Delavaux, Rector.

Baptisms—White Adult, 1. White Children, 4; Total 5. Marriages—White, 4. Burials—White 5. Communicants—White 96: Coloured 18: Total 114. Children catechised, every Sunday during summer. Confirmed by the Bishop, White, 15. Number of Teachers in the Sunday School, 6. Number of Scholars, 26. Public Worship held on 33 Sundays at Walterborough; and on 33 other days. At Ashpoo, on 19 Sundays, and 2 other days. Whole number of times 114.

St. Luke's Parish.

The Rev. Thomas John Young, Rector.

Baptisms—Coloured Adults, 9. White Children, 12; Coloured 4: Total 25. Marriages—White 9; Coloured 1; Total 10. Burials—

White 9. Communicants—77 White; 28 Coloured: Total 105. Non-Communicants—White 30. Children under 14, White 90. Families—45 White. Children catechised 12 days, 30 White. Confirmed by the Bishop, White 10; Coloured 10; Total 20. Number of Teachers in the Sunday School, 7 White; 4 Coloured: Total 11. Number of Scholars, White 40: Coloured, varying from 10 to 100: Total 140. Public Worship held on 12 Sundays in St. Luke's Church. In the Chapel of the Holy Trinity, 18 Sundays, and 30 other days. In Zion Chapel, on 17 Sundays, and 5 other days. In the Chapel on May River, on 5 Sundays, and 5 other days. Whole number of times 113.

REMARKS.—By deaths and removals, this parish has lost, during the past year, twelve communicants. Two white and eleven coloured members have been added to the communion. The Church continues in a healthy and flourishing condition; and the increasing attention to the duties of religion among the coloured congregation attending "Zion Chapel," encourages me to hope that a "good work" has begun among them. Independent of the labours of the Rector, and two Lay-Readers, upwards of \$1600, have been raised in this Parish for religious purposes during the year 1833.*

*The following note is inserted here by the request of the Bishop and in his name:

The Rev. Mr. Young's Parochial Report to the last Convention was entered on the journal, in a manner which he complained of to the Secretary of the Convention. The particulars complained of, were the insertion after the words, "the revival of religion among us last year," as he had written them, the words within brackets, "whether properly so termed or not;" and of the following note at the bottom of the 22d page of the journal, designed to explain a statement, which seemed to require explanation, made in the fourth paragraph of Mr. Young's remarks, annexed to his report. The responsibility of these particulars, which gave dissatisfaction to Mr. Young, was assumed by myself; and I deem it proper to explain myself respecting them as follows:

The words inserted in brackets after Mr. Young's mention of the *revival* which had taken place in his parish—viz: "whether properly so termed or not," were interlined on the manuscript report of Mr. Young, and when the report was in reading, they were audibly pronounced in his hearing, and on looking at him as they were so pronounced, and pausing on them, I was induced to think that he had no objection to my qualifying, in such manner, his use of the term "revival," as he then offered no objection to the circumstance, I took his silence to imply a willing concession on his part, to the objection to which with others of his Brethren of the Convention, whatever might be his own impression as to its propriety, the term *revival*, as used by him, was liable. It had been shown as the sense of his Brethren, generally, that it ought not to be admitted into use, in connection, *technically*, with the business of the Convention. Mr. Young had been well aware of this; and I cannot but regret, that he should be tenacious of its appearing as used by himself, without any qualification of its claim to be approved, by most of his other Brethren and myself. Had I supposed he would prefer it, I should have omitted the whole clause in which it appeared, instead of offering to his acceptance, as I intended, a qualified admission of it.

With respect to the note at the bottom of the page, of which Mr. Young complained, it was inserted, because it appeared to me that he had committed an error which he would not object to see corrected. Mr. Young's report stated, that "\$1500 were now raised for the ministry, where 5 years ago only \$400 were subscribed." The note objected to as at the bottom of the 22d page of the last year's journal, is as follows: "It is understood that at the time referred to, Mr. Y. was officiating as a Deacon, alternately in St. Luke's and Prince William's Parishes. The salary of Mr. Y's predecessor, as Rector of St. Luke's, most of which was raised by subscription, was at least \$1000.

Trinity Church, Edisto; and St. Stephen's Chapel, Edingsville.

The Rev. Edward Thomas, Rector.

Baptisms—White Children, 8. Burial—White, 1. Communicants—White 33; Coloured 8: Total 41. Non-Communicants—White 40. Children under 14, White 92. Families—24 White. Children catechised on 22 Sundays, 50. Number of Teachers in the Sunday School, 10 White. Number of Scholars, 50 White; 20 Coloured: Total 70. Public Worship held at Trinity Church, Edisto, on 30 Sundays, and 3 other days. At St. Stephen's Chapel, Edingsville, on 22 Sundays, and 20 other days. Whole number of times, 97.

St. Helena Church, on St. Helena Island.

The Rev. David M'Elheran, Rector.

Baptisms—Adults, White, 1. Coloured 1: Total 2. White Children, 2: Total 4. Marriage—White 1. Burials—White 1, Coloured 1: Total 2. Communicants—White, 24; Coloured 2: Total 26. Non-Communicants—White, 30; Coloured 50: Total 80. Children under 14, White, 14. Families—White, 21. Children catechised on Advent Sundays. Number of Teachers in the Sunday School, White, 2. Number of Scholars, White, 6. Public Worship held in St. Helena Church, on 52 Sundays, and 23 other days. In St. Helenaville Church, on 10 Sundays, and 9 other days. Whole number of times, 94.

REMARKS.—It is with humble thankfulness to the Great Head of the Church, I report the present prosperous state of that part of it committed to my charge. Though our number be few, yet we have been enabled through the divine assistance, to get an *Episcopal* Church built at the summer residence, suitable to the size of the place; and likewise to put a Gallery in, and repair the old Church on the centre of the Island. We lost by removal two communicants, but have had an addition of four. In general, I may truly say, that there is a visibly increasing interest taken in religion on this Island.

Trinity Church, Columbia.

The Rev. Peter J. Shand, Deacon, Minister.

Baptisms—White Children 8; of these, 1 was baptised by the Bishop, 4 were baptised by the Rev. Mr. Phillips, Rector of Grace Church,

In explanation, I have to state, that I have since been officially informed, that although the provision, for the predecessor of Mr. Young, had been as much as mentioned and even more, yet in consequence of a depressed and deranged state of the Church, subsequently, in the Parish, it had become very difficult to raise by subscription, as much as was necessary to meet the engagement, the vestry had entered into with Mr. Young, in compensation for the portion of his labours in St. Luke's—and that although when Mr. Young became the Rector of St. Luke's Parish alone, it was stipulated to pay him \$800, yet it was scarcely practicable to obtain as was necessary, \$500 of that sum from subscriptions. It is undoubtedly true as stated by Mr. Young in his report of last year, that a great difference exists as to the providing for the expenses of the Church, especially since the few measures to which he referred in that report, had been set on foot. A portion of the larger amount now happily raised, it should however be noticed, is derived from a portion of the Parish, to which the influence of its ministry had not until lately been extended.

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Camden, and 3 by the Rev. Mr. Glennie, Rector of All-Saints Parish, Waccamaw. There have been 8 Burials during the past year, all of them white persons. Communicants about 30 White. Number of Teachers in the Sunday School, 8. Number of Scholars, 25. Confirmed by the Bishop, 3.

REMARKS.—Under license from the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of the Diocese, I officiated in Trinity Church as a Lay Reader, during the last summer, commencing on the third Sunday in June, and ending on the first Sunday in November. The disadvantageous circumstances under which the Church has so long laboured, owing chiefly to the want of a regular administration of her services and ordinances, have operated very seriously to her injury, in estranging some from her fold, and in occasioning on the part of others, a feeling of inactivity and indifference to religious concerns, necessarily prejudicial to the advancement of her welfare. Notwithstanding this unfavourable state of things, there are those in the congregation, who have exhibited in their professions and conduct, a most cheering degree of solicitude for the interests of this branch of the Lord's Vineyard, and whose exertions, and doubtless whose prayers, have been directed, with perseverance and earnestness, towards securing for it a restoration at least, to its former condition of usefulness and prosperity. Through the laudable efforts of these persons, and the blessing of God on their endeavours, the Church before the close of the summer, assumed a more gratifying aspect. Public Worship was very well attended, and some accessions were made to the number of Pew-holders. The disadvantages however, I have stated, still exist and it is feared may continue to exert an unhappy influence for some time to come. But the present situation of the Church is not without encouragement, although it has recently sustained a severe shock in the dispensation of Providence, which has suddenly numbered with the silent dead, one whose loss to his country, his family and particularly to this portion of God's household, cannot be adequately estimated. The removal of such a man, as the late Judge Martin, at a time, when he was not only, in a worldly point of view, in the height of his usefulness, but when, with the strong religious feelings that possessed him, we might, according to all human calculations, have looked for so great a blessing from his example and efforts, in the promotion of the interests of this Church, which has had to struggle on, against all the difficulties that have so long oppressed her, is one of those inscrutable acts of Heaven, which we cannot penetrate, but which, with the confidence of an unshaken faith in the wisdom of all God's dealings with us, it is incumbent upon us to submit to as his deed, and resignedly, if not cheerfully acquiesce in, as that which seemed good in his sight.

In the month of July last, a Working Society was established by the ladies of the congregation, which has been productive of the most beneficial results, in uniting the members together, in a bond of social and religious fellowship, and leading to a greater degree of interest, in the temporal and spiritual improvement of the Church. The ladies have engaged in the enterprise, with much zeal and activity, and have so far, in the success they have met with, greatly exceeded their most sanguine

anticipations. We look, through the blessing of God, for great good from their labours, which we have reason to hope and believe, will be continued with increased zeal and diligence.

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In compliance with an invitation from the vestry, and with the sanction of the Bishop, I commenced my duties as Minister of the Church, on the 26th ultimo, but so short a time has since elapsed, that I have nothing worthy to report. I ought before to have mentioned, that the Holy Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered twice in the summer, by the Rev. Mr. Phillips—once in the fall by the Rt. Rev. Dr. Bowen, and in December, by the Rev. Mr. Glennie.

Church at Claremont.

The Rev. Augustus L. Converse, Rector.

Marriage—White, 1. Burials—White, 6. Communicants—White, 21; Coloured, 20; Total—41. Non-Communicants—White, 24. Children under 14—White, 40. Families—White, 22. Children catechised 6 days—7. Public Worship held on 40 Sundays, and 3 other days; whole number of times, 43.

REMARKS.—During the past year, this Church has lost 3 Communicants by death. One new Communicant has been added to the few that remain. There are also 5 Communicants, (one of them admitted the last summer,) who attend occasionally during that season. A Sermon has been preached on the "nature and duties of the Episcopal office;" but there was no collection taken up, owing to the small number of the congregation present. Occasional instruction has been given, as heretofore, to the coloured persons, after Morning service.

St. Matthew's Parish.

The Rev. William S. Wilson, Rector.

Baptisms—White Children, 6; Coloured, 2; Total, 8. Marriage—White, 1. Burial—White, 1. Communicants—White, 18. Non-Communicants—White, 18. Children under 14—White, 26. Families—White, 15. Children catechised, 4. Number of Teachers in the Sunday School—White, 5. Number of Scholars—White 24. Public Worship held in St. Matthew's, on 18 Sundays, and 1 other day; at Totness, on 20 Sundays. Whole number of times, 39.

REMARKS.—In consequence of the inclemency of the weather, and other unavoidable circumstances, the Church is irregularly attended during the winter. At the summer retreat, there has been a punctual attendance, not only on the Lord's day but on every Thursday evening, when divine worship has been held, and a lecture read.

St. Stephen's Parish; and the Chapels at the Black Oak, and the Rocks

The Rev. David I. Campbell, Minister.

Baptisms, 11. Marriages, 2. Burials, 12. Communicants, 53. Non-Communicants, 93. Children under 14, 120. Families, 52.

Individuals, 266. Teachers in the Sunday School, 3. Scholars, 30. Confirmed by the Bishop 2.

REMARKS.—Divine service is held once a day on Sunday in winter, twice a day on Sunday in the summer, on three other days, Nativity, Ash Wednesday, and Good-Friday, and once a fortnight on Wednesday evening last summer, 65 times in all. 2 have died, and 5 have been added to the Communion, 2 of colour.

Public worship is generally well attended and respect paid to ordinances, and there is increased seriousness and attention, and spirit of enquiry, though it is particularly desirable that more should attend the Sunday School.

Parish of St. Thomas and St. Denis.

The Rev. Francis H. Rutledge, Rector.

Baptisms—Coloured Adults, 8; White Children, 3; Coloured, 1: Total, 12. Marriages—White, 2. Communicants—White, 12; Coloured, 18: Total, 30. Non-Communicants—White, 33; Coloured, 60: Total, 93. Children under 14—White, 34. Families—White, 23. Public Worship held in the Parish Church, on 16 Sundays and 1 other day; in Pompion Hill Chapel of Ease, on 10 Sundays, and 1 other day. Whole number of times, 28.

REMARKS.—The usual services have been performed within the year. Our congregations continue small; but encouragement is given to hope, that our numbers will shortly be strengthened. The Church edifice, which was reported to be undergoing some repairs, has since been completed, and its interior aspect greatly improved, by the addition of a neat railing around the altar.

All-Saints Parish, Waccamaw.

The Rev. Alexander Glennie, Rector.

Baptisms—White Children, 3. Marriages—White, 2. Burials—White, 4. Communicants—White, 19; Coloured, 12: Total 31. Non-Communicants—White, 28. Children under 14—White, 50. Families—White, 23. Number of Teachers in the Sunday School—White, 3. Number of Scholars, 10. Public Worship held on 13 Sundays, in the upper Church, and 2 other days: in the lower Church, on 5 Sundays and 1 other day. In the Beach Church, on 17 Sundays; whole number of times, 38.

REMARKS.—The services at the Beach Church, were held from the first Sunday in June, till the last in October; and during the remainder of the year in the two Parish churches. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered 7 times. On 9 Sundays the congregation was prevented attending Divine Service in consequence of rainy weather.

In the spring, I visited Columbia, preached in Trinity Church 8 times; administered the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper twice; baptised 2 white Children, and buried 1 person.

Grace Church, Sullivan's Island.

The Rev. Thomas House Taylor, Rector.

Burial—White, 1. REMARKS.—The Rector of this Parish has to report that Divine service was regularly performed from the first of June, to the middle of October. The congregations were larger, than, perhaps, we had any reason to expect, but composed of persons of all denominations of Christians. The number of Communicants varied from 15 to 25.

St. Andrew's Parish.

The Rev. Paul Trapier, Rector.

Baptism—White Child, 1. Marriage—White, 1. Burials—White, 4; Coloured 1: Total, 5. Communicants—White, 14; Coloured, 3: Total, 17. Non-Communicants—White, 34. Children under 14—White 25. Families—White, 16. Public Worship held in St. Andrew's on 16 Sundays, and 2 other days. Whole number of times, 18.

REMARKS.—Communion administered twice. The Parsonage is at length in repair and about to be occupied.

The interest, which the congregation have heretofore seemed to feel in the duties of Public Worship, remains apparently undiminished, and in some there are indications of an inward change for the better. The Minister is encouraged to hope for good, from the more intimate and frequent intercourse, which his expected residence within his Parish, will enable him to hold with his flock.

The Female Working Society continue diligent, and have realized \$130; of which they have given, \$20 to the Library of the Parish; \$30 to the Female Domestic Missionary Society: \$30 to the relief of the Church at Pensacola; \$50 to constitute their Minister, a Life Member of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in South-Carolina.

As recommended by the last Convention, a contribution to the funds of the General Seminary, has been made by the Communicants of this Parish.

St. David's Parish, Cheraw.

The Rev. Alexander W. Marshall, Rector.

Baptisms—Adults, White, 3; Coloured, 2: Total, 5. Children, White, 15; Coloured, 3: Total, 18. Whole number baptised, 23. Marriages—White, 2. Burials—White, 6. Communicants—White, 33; Coloured 9: Total, 42. Non-Communicants—White, 52. Children under 14—White, 60. Families—White 30. Children catechised on 5 days. Number of Teachers in the Sunday School—White, 7. Number of Scholars—White, 25; Coloured, 20; Total 45. Public Worship held on 32 Sundays, and on 3 other days. Whole number of times, 67.

REMARKS.—I officiated on every third Sunday of the past year, for the congregation which was organized at Society Hill, a short time previous to the last Convention. The services of the Church were held

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at the school house, but it is expected, that we shall soon be able to occupy the Church, a very neat building lately erected. The congregation at Society Hill united with that of St. David's, in celebrating the Communion in Cheraw, on the first Sunday of every month, and will continue to do so, until their building is completed. Seven of the families just reported, belong to the Society Hill congregation, also seven of the communicants. One of our largest families at Cheraw, lately removed to the west. Application has been made for a third of my services at Society Hill the coming year. The congregation of St. David's have lately added a neat steeple to their Church, and have increased the number of pews. The Bible Class of St. David's is not as large as might be expected, but it is to be hoped, that the zeal manifested by the few members, will induce others to join them. A Bible Class has also been formed at Society Hill. I have commenced catechising the children of my congregation, on the first Sunday of every month, and hope to continue this regulation in future. I still continue the school for the religious instruction of the poor in Marlborough, once every week. I have officiated on nine week days at Morven, N. C. and on two at Wadesboro', N. C. Our Church is so little known in the neighbourhood, that I feel it to be a duty incumbent on me to preach, where-soever I have an opportunity. I have no doubt, that the prejudices of the people against our Church, arise more from ignorance of her liturgy and offices, than dislike for what they know. The opportunity I have had of meeting the coloured part of my congregation at the Church, on one night of every week, has enabled me to give them much religious instruction, particularly as regards the duty of preparing for Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

St. Paul's Church, Pendleton.

The Rev. William H. Barnwell, late Minister.

Baptisms—White Children, 3. Marriage—White, 1. Burials—3 Strangers. White. Communicants—White, 29. Non-Communicants—White, 54. Children under 14—White, 33. Families---White, 27. Children catechised on 7 Sundays---White, 29; Coloured, 50: Total, 79. Confirmed by the Bishop---White, 9. Number of Teachers in the Sunday School---White, 8; Coloured, 5: Total, 13. Number of Scholars---White, 29; Coloured, 63: Total, 92. Public Worship held on 26 Sundays, and on 30 other days. Whole number of times, 81.

REMARKS—My charge of this congregation commenced the 5th of May last, and ended the 5th of November. Divine service was held on the morning and afternoon of every Lord's day, and on the afternoon of every Wednesday. Every Tuesday afternoon I met a Bible Class of young ladies; from their punctuality in attendance, and seriousness and diligence in their studies, I trust it was the means of spiritual good. For some months, I met every Wednesday afternoon after service, a Class of young men, but the number gradually diminishing it was abandoned. Every Saturday evening at candlelight, I met the coloured people, for the purpose of religious instruction; it was altogether oral.

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consisting chiefly of explanations of the Parables, and catechising. The Coloured Sunday School named in the tabular report was composed only of children. It was formed in the beginning of the summer, and was continued to its close. The Teachers were all male, men of intelligence and piety. There is attached to the Church a good Sunday School Library; also a small but select and increasing Parish Library. The congregation being scattered, and generally removing from the neighbourhood in the winter, societies and institutions for religious and benevolent objects do not flourish as they should. There was however formed, the last summer, a "*Female Episcopal Bible, Prayer Book and Tract Society*," which it is hoped, will be successfully and usefully continued. The Communion Plate purchased by the proceeds of the Working Society of the preceding summer, was received during the last. By adding a vestry room, and by changing the position of the Pulpit, the appearance of the interior of the building has been improved, and five pews have been gained. There has been a proposal to obtain an Organ, and one gentleman has subscribed \$100 towards it. I trust that the congregation may be said to *prosper* in the best sense, and that religion is ingrafted in the hearts, and bearing its precious fruits in the lives of many. May the Lord of the Vineyard, multiply the number tenfold!

Prince William's Parish.

The Rev. Charles P. Elliott, Rector.

Baptisms—White Children, 4; Coloured, 1; Total 5. Marriage—White 1. Burial—White 1. Communicants—White 28; Coloured 1: Total 29. Families—White 24. Number of Teachers in the Sunday School, White, 4. Number of Scholars, White, 17. Public Worship held at Sheldon Church, and Sheldon Chapel, on 46 Sundays, and on 36 other days. Whole number of times, 82.

REMARKS.—The Church in this Parish, may be justly represented as being in a prosperous condition. And whatever changes have taken place since the last report, either in its temporal or spiritual condition, have been decidedly favourable.

Grace Church, Camden.

The Rev. Edward Phillips, Rector.

Baptisms—White Children, 14. Marriage—White, 1. Communicants—White, 26; Coloured 1: Total 27. Non-Communicants—White, 40. Children under 14, White, 78. Families—White, 24. Children catechised 10 days, White 34. Confirmed by the Bishop, 3 White. Number of Teachers in the Sunday School, 7 White. Number of Scholars, White, 34. Public Worship held on 49 Sundays, and on 67 other days. Whole number of times, 160.

REMARKS.—The history of Grace Church although short, is one of interest. Within the period of three years and a half, (which embraces the time of the Rector's ministrations in Camden) the Church edifice,

which is a very neat and commodious brick building, has been erected, suitably furnished with drapery and sacramental plate, and has been paid for. On a review of the many discouragements, which attended the formation of this parish, its measure of present success, could not in reason, have been anticipated. The Rector has the time distinctly in memory, when from the mere handful of hearers, which attended his official services, the question arose in his mind, whether it was not due to himself, forthwith to abandon the station, as unripe for the ministry of the Church. But the zeal of its few friends, encouraged him to persevere in the missionary experiment. A very brilliant Organ has been lately purchased; and has not only been the means of improving the congregation in psalmody, but has created an interest for the services of our worship, in the minds of some others previously opposed, or indifferent to them. The remainder of the Church debt, has been entirely liquidated, from the proceeds of a Fair, undertaken by the ladies of the congregation. Great praise is due to them for their indefatigable zeal, in the execution of this scheme; and for their unwearied desire to sustain the institutions of the Church. The usual Friday afternoon Lecture has been continued. Divine service was held every day through Passion Week, with one exception; and on those days, and on every other occasion of public worship, a sermon or lecture has been delivered. The Sunday School Library, contains 150 volumes for the use of the congregation, in religious reading, as well as of the pupils in suitable instruction. The temporal and spiritual condition of the Church is improving. At the request of the Bishop, I visited Trinity Church, Columbia, four times within the past year. I officiated and preached 5 times; baptised 4 children: administered the sacrament to 33 communicants: and performed one marriage service. The congregation under the services of the Lay-reader appointed for the summer, has increased and appears to be revived.

St. Mark's, Clarendon.

The Rev. Augustus L. Converse, officiated in this Parish, from June to December, by desire of the Protestant Episcopal Society for the Advancement of Christianity, and with the consent of the Vestry of Claremont.

Baptisms---White Children, 7. Burials---White, 3. Communicants---White, 9. One or two more occasionally attending. Non-Communicants---White, 40 to 70, but quite uncertain. Children under 14---White, 19. Public Worship held on 7 Sundays; times 11.

REMARKS.---On the last Lord's day in June, July, August, and October, I performed Divine service, and preached in the neat and commodious Chapel, erected in the Sand-Hills, by the liberality of Mr. Charles Richardson, deceased; and recently finished by his children, in accordance with their father's design. In September, I exchanged services with the Rev. E. Phillips of Camden. In November and December, many of the congregation having removed from their Sand-Hill residences, I performed Divine service and preached at St. Mark's

Church. After my first appointment, evening service was proposed, and continued until November; when I found the congregation so widely separated in their residences, that but a few comparatively, attended even the Morning service. There appears to be in this congregation a strong attachment to the doctrines and services of our Church; and individually an anxiety to have a clergyman again established among them. The Parsonage, however, is not yet rebuilt; and there are difficulties to be overcome, which require only the united and harmonious effort of all who love the Church; and I cannot but indulge the hope, that ere long, this happy result may be produced, through the gracious influence of that Blessed Spirit, who can cause them to be of one heart and of one soul.

St. James' Church, James Island.

The Rev. Paul Trapier, Rector.

Baptism—Coloured Adult, 1. Burial—White, 1. Communicants—White, 6. Non-Communicants—White, 18. Children under 14, White, 14. Families—White, 7. Children catechised on 12 days, White 5. Public worship held on 17 Sundays, and 2 other days, at St. James': in private houses, at Johnsonville, on 17 Sundays. Whole number of times, 50.

REMARKS.—Communion administered twice. The state of this Parish has not materially changed. The services of the sanctuary are attended by almost all of the congregation, with exemplary punctuality and by few without the utmost decorum. Those who profess themselves christians, seem to be in general walking worthy of their calling. In public worship the responses are made by most of those present, but the postures required by the Church, are too little observed. Several adults, the minister regrets to say are unbaptised, and some of the parents, it is found, are very reluctant to bring their children to the font. The young are in many cases removed unhappily from the influence of their pastor by being sent to the City for education. The communicants of this Church have contributed to the funds of the General Seminary, according to the recommendation of the last Convention.

St. Stephen's Chapel, Charlestown.

The Rev. Daniel Cobia, Deacon, Minister.

Baptisms—Coloured Adults, 2; White Children, 7: Total 9. Marriage—White, 1. Burials—White, 3. Communicants—White, 41; Coloured 4: Total 45. Seven of these are new Communicants. Families—White 50 or 60. Confirmed by the Bishop, 5 Whites, 1 Coloured: Total 6. Number of Teachers in the Sunday School, 14 White. Number of Scholars, White, 108.

REMARKS.—The present Missionary took charge of St. Stephen's Chapel in August last; since which time, divine service has been performed there twice on every Sunday, and on thanksgiving and Christmas days. During the summer and fall, there was also a service held

there on Thursday Afternoons, by the Clergy of the City. The character of the congregation renders it impracticable to give an accurate statement of the number of families and of individuals composing it. For want of the regular services of the ministry, the former attendants of the Chapel had been greatly scattered, and have not yet been entirely restored. The Minister acts as superintendent of the Sunday School; attends a weekly meeting of the Teachers; and examines the Scholars on every Sunday, either in a portion of the Scriptures, or of the Church catechism. The School is in a prosperous and encouraging state, being supplied with efficient Teachers, for whom it is partly indebted to the other congregations of the city. The seats in the Chapel are free.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Gadsden, the Resolutions proposed by the last General Convention, to the several Diocesan Conventions, as stated in the Bishop's Address, p. 15, were taken up for consideration; when the *first* and *third* Resolutions, were unanimously agreed to.

The Rev. Dr. Gadsden, from the Committee on the General Theological Seminary, made the following Report:

In conformity to the resolution of the last Convention, asking each communicant to contribute 25 cents, in aid of the income of the Seminary, there has been received as follows: but it ought to be mentioned, that many individuals contributed more than the specified sum; in one instance \$50 were given, and in another \$53 50.

Amounts received from the different Congregations.

From St. Michael's, - - - - -	\$164 25
" St. Philip's, - - - - -	159 00
" St. Paul's, - - - - -	40 50
" St. Paul's, Stono, - - - - -	4 00
" St. Andrew's, and St. James', on the Island, - -	7 00
" Grace Church, Camden, - - - - -	6 00
" Trinity Church, Columbia, - - - - -	38 00
" St. Helena, Beaufort, - - - - -	26 25
" St. Lukes' Parish, - - - - -	14 00
" Christ Church Parish, - - - - -	2 00
" St. Helena, on the Island, - - - - -	6 00
" St. John's, Colleton, - - - - -	7 00
" St. John's, Berkley, - - - - -	10 00
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	\$484 00

The above amount is deposited in the Planters' and Mechanics Bank, to the credit of Mr. Jacob Lorillard, for the Seminary.

From the other Parishes, no returns have been received.

We have been informed, that the late Rev. Dr. Gates has bequeathed \$2,000, to found a Scholarship in this Seminary.

The state of the "Bishop Bowen Scholarship" is as follows:

Invested, - - - - -	\$2,051 25
Cash to be invested, - - - - -	42 49

Present amount of the Fund, - - - - -	\$2,093 74
Amount reported to the last Convention, - - -	1,984 57

Increase during the year, - - - - -	\$108 07
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The state of the "Bishop Dehon Scholarship" is as follows:

Invested, - - - - -	\$3,994 12
Cash to be invested, - - - - -	123 60

Present amount of the Fund, - - - - -	\$4,117 72
Amount reported to the last Convention, - - -	3,940 49

Increase during the year, (there being no Beneficiary,) \$177 23

These funds are held in trust by the "Society for the Advancement of Christianity in South-Carolina."

With respect to the condition of the Seminary, we have the pleasure to report, that the deficiency of income for this year has been provided for (although many congregations and dioceses gave nothing) by the liberality of some of the congregations chiefly in New-York: that a Scholarship has been founded by E. A. Newton, of Massachusetts, and another increased from 2,000 to 2,500 by P. Warren, of Troy, N. Y. That a room for their Beneficiary at the cost of \$138 has been furnished, and provided with select Books, by St. John's Chapel, N. Y.; pecuniary aid offered by Professor Moore, to improve the lots he had given to the Seminary, and the Library enlarged by 80 Books, so that it now contains 3638 vols. The Committee on examinations appointed by the Board of Trustees, at their last annual meeting, say in their report, that they have felt in the discharge of their office, almost unmingled satisfaction; and they are very happy in being able to bear, after the most careful investigation which the time permitted, their full and unqualified testimony to the ability and fidelity of the Professors, and with scarcely an exception, to the diligence and proficiency of the Students. These are not uttered, and they must not be received, as words of course. The Committee are convinced, that the course of study in the Seminary, is now administered with an efficiency, which gives assurance to the Church, in regard to all who pursue it faithfully, of a learned ministry. They are heartily thankful to Almighty God, that, by his blessing on the work, so many young men are pursuing to so great advantage, the studies requisite to their thorough accomplishment for the priest's office."

"They congratulate the Trustees and the Church on the present position and prospects of the Seminary. Truly, God hath prospered the work which he put into the hearts of his servants to commence. The blessing thus far vouchsafed, while it animates our prayer to him,

should inspirit our efforts in his strength." The commencement was in St. Peter's Chapel. Testimonials were given to eleven young men, all of whom read dissertations, one of them, Daniel Cobia, was of this diocese. The whole number of Students from the beginning, has been 134, of whom 8 were from this diocese.

The latest intelligence from the institution is encouraging. A Professor on Ecclesiastical History, and another on Pulpit Eloquence and Pastoral Theology, have been appointed, making the whole number of Professors at present 5. A Sunday School containing nearly 600 pupils, is conducted chiefly by the Students. The number of Students greatly exceeds, that of any former period, being 65, but we regret to have to add, that only one of these is from this diocese. While the institution is growing in favor with the Church in general, we trust that the zeal in this branch of it, by which it was planted and has been nurtured for twenty years, will not be relaxed, but wax warmer and warmer and be manifested still more and more by fervent and constant prayer; by steady and generous patronage, and by encouraging our candidates and providing pecuniary assistance, as may be necessary to enable them to avail themselves of the advantages of this excellent school. As the institution is gratuitous, so the necessary expenses of a student are very moderate, being for board, washing, fuel and lamp light, only \$80 25.

In conclusion, we offer for adoption the following resolutions.

I. That the communicants in our diocese, who have not yet contributed to meet the deficiency on the annual income of the Seminary, be requested to transmit such amount as they can spare, to the chairman of this committee, to be by him forwarded to the Treasurer of the Seminary.

II. That the Bishop Bowen Scholarship be recommended to the patronage of the members of our Church in this diocese, so that the requisite amount to render it available, may be obtained as soon as possible.

III. That we contemplate with devout gratitude and gladness, the circumstances under which our Theological Seminary has been planted, and has grown, and its present condition and prospects; and as we regard its success as the fruit of prayer and faith, and honest and persevering effort, so we commend it to the constant prayers, and vigilance and affections, and services of the whole Church.

On motion, the Report was accepted, and the several Resolutions therein, unanimously agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Stephen Elliott, Resolved, that a Committee of be appointed, who shall take into consideration, the whole subject of the funds, known as the "Bishop's Permanent and Common Funds;" whether in their relation to St. Michael's Church, to the other Churches of the Diocese, or to the Bishop; and to report to the next Convention, such a plan, as, while it shall free St. Michael's, from its connexion with these funds, shall yet afford to our Diocesan a certain income from these funds of \$1200 per annum.

On motion, the blank was filled with *six*: and the following Committee were appointed; viz: the Rev. Mr. Gervais, Mr. James Jervoy, Mr. Thomas Gadsden, Mr. Stephen Elliott, Jun., and Mr. Alexander.

The Rev. Mr. Shand moved that the 11th Article of the Constitution be stricken out. The article is as follows: "the Delegates of the

several Churches to the State Convention, shall during the recess of the Convention, be Corresponding Committees, intrusted with the duty of informing the Standing Committee of the situation of their respective Churches; and generally such other things as may relate to the temporal and spiritual interests of the Protestant Episcopal Churches in this Diocese." Postponed for consideration to the next Convention.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Young, Resolved, that a Committee consisting of three Clerical, and three Lay-Delegates of this Convention, be appointed to take into consideration, the subject of the religious instruction of our Slave population, and to report to the next annual Convention of the Church in this Diocese. The following Committee were appointed: the Rev. Mr. Young, the Rev. Dr. Gadsden, the Rev. Mr. Trapier, Mr. Stephen Elliott, jun., Mr. James H. Ladson, and the Hon. Lieutenant Governor C. C. Pinckney.

On motion of the Rev. Mr. Taylor, the President was requested to appoint Preachers to the next Convention, for other days than at the opening of the Convention: whereupon the following Clergymen were appointed: the Rev. Mr. Thomas, Rector of Trinity Church, Edisto Island, the Rev. Mr. Elliott, Rector of Prince William's Parish, and the Rev. Mr. Trapier, Rector of St. Andrew's Parish.

Mr. Stephen Elliott moved, that during the sessions of the Convention of the Diocese of South-Carolina, St. Michael's Church, (with the consent of its Vestry) be thrown open, the pews be declared public, and in addition to the Morning service now ordered by resolution of Convention, there be held an Afternoon service with a Sermon, and that the Bishop be requested to nominate the Preachers for such occasions, according to a catalogue to be formed and kept by him, they being nominated at one Convention, to preach at the next: that is to say, six at each time.

After considerable discussion of the subject, the Rev. Mr. Taylor moved that the resolution be laid on the table. The question being taken it was decided in the negative. The vote was subsequently reconsidered, on motion of the Rev. Mr. Marshall, when the Rev. Mr. Phillips moved, that the resolution be postponed, which was agreed to.

On motion, ordered, that the Treasurer do pay Mr. Richard Smith, the Sexton of St. Michael's Church, three dollars *per diem*, for his attendance upon the Convention.

On motion, ordered that 350 copies of the Journal be printed,

On motion of Mr. Pinckney, it was resolved, that the next stated meeting of the Convention be held on the Wednesday, next preceding Ash-Wednesday, in 1835.

No further business being before the Convention, it was moved to adjourn; whereupon, after Prayers by the Bishop, and the Blessing, the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

NATHANIEL BOWEN,

Ex-officio President of the Convention.

Attest,

FREDERICK DALCHO,

Secretary.

RULES OF ORDER,

*Adopted by the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in
the Diocese of South-Carolina.*

1. The business of every day shall be introduced with the Morning Service of the Church and a Sermon; and close with some appropriate Collects.
2. When the President shall take the Chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand up, unless to address the Chair.
3. The delegation of each Church, shall occupy one pew.
4. No member shall absent himself from the Convention, unless he have leave, or be unable to attend.
5. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the Convention, he shall rise from his seat, and without advancing, shall, with due respect, address himself to the President, confining himself to the point in debate.
6. No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate.
7. A question being once determined, shall stand as the judgement of the Convention, and shall not again be drawn into debate, during the same session, unless with the consent of two-thirds of the Churches present.
8. While the President is putting any question, no one shall hold private discourse, stand up, walk into, out of, or across the Church.
9. No motion shall be considered as before the Convention, unless it be moved by a Minister or Delegate of one Church, and seconded by a Minister or Delegate of another.
10. When any question is before the Convention, it shall be determined on, before any new subject is introduced, except the question of adjournment.
11. The question on a motion for adjournment, shall be taken before any other, and without debate.
12. The foregoing Rules of Order shall be read at the opening of every Convention, and shall be of force unless repealed by a vote of the Convention.

CONSTITUTION
OF
THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH
IN THE
DIOCESE OF SOUTH-CAROLINA.

WHEREAS in all Societies professing Christianity, the promotion of religion should primarily engage their sincere attention, as being the sure and only means of rendering them acceptable to Almighty God, and calling down his blessings upon them. And whereas by General Conventions of the Protestant Episcopal Churches in the United States of America, a Constitution and Canons have been formed for the government and discipline of the same :

Be it therefore Resolved, That the following Constitution be agreed to, adopted, and observed, by the Protestant Episcopal Churches in this Diocese, for their government.

ARTICLE I.

Of Stated Meetings.

A stated Convention shall be held annually in Charleston, on the second Wednesday in every February, or at such time, and in such place, as shall have been determined upon by the preceding Convention : but if a sufficient number of Churches do not attend on the same day, the Representatives, whether Clergy or Laity, or any two of them assembled, shall have power to adjourn from day to day, until a quorum is formed : which shall consist of, at least, seven Churches.

ARTICLE II.

Of Lay-Delegates.

Delegates shall be elected by the respective Episcopal Churches, throughout the Diocese, from among the members of those Churches respectively, to represent them in the State Convention : the Delegates to be elected in such manner, time and numbers, as each Church shall deem proper ; to serve twelve months from the time of election ; who shall, before they are permitted to take their seats in Convention, produce written testimonials of their election.

ARTICLE III.

Of Ministers.

The Minister, or Ministers, of every Episcopal Church, shall always be, *ex-officio*, a member, or members, of the Convention, with a right to vote on all matters requiring the suffrages thereof, with the exception of such as involve the temporal concerns of the Churches; but the right to vote on matters involving the temporal concerns of the Churches, shall, nevertheless, appertain to such Clerical member, or members, as may be specially authorized to do so, by his, or their Vestry, or other authority of his, or their Congregation, in the absence of their Lay-Delegate or Lay-Delegates: but no Clerical or Lay-Delegate, shall hereafter represent two distinct Parishes, or shall in any case have more than one vote.

ARTICLE IV.

Of Missionaries and Clergymen, engaged in Colleges, &c.

Every Missionary of the Protestant Episcopal Church, employed in this Diocese with the approbation of the Ecclesiastical authority of the same, and every duly recognized Minister of this Church, engaged in any College or incorporated Academy in this Diocese, shall be entitled to all the privileges of a member of the Convention, with the exception of the right to vote.

ARTICLE V.

Of the President.

The Bishop of the Diocese shall be, *ex-officio*, President of the Convention; in his absence, a presiding officer shall be elected from among the attending members.

ARTICLE VI.

Of the Secretary and Treasurer.

The Secretary and Treasurer shall be annually chosen (and continue in office until a successor be appointed) who shall keep a true and correct Journal of the proceedings; and regular accounts of all money transactions, to be annually laid before the Convention. It shall also be his duty to give notice to each Minister and Vestry of the time and place appointed for any stated, or special, meeting of the Convention.

ARTICLE VII.

Of the Standing Committee.

A Standing Committee, consisting of an equal number of Clergymen and Laymen, shall be appointed at every regular meeting of the Convention, for the purposes expressed in the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention, and of the Constitution and Canons of the

State Convention, who shall continue in office until another Committee be appointed. Vacancies in this Committee, caused by death, resignation, or otherwise, shall be supplied by the suffrages of the remaining members.

ARTICLE VIII.

Special Meetings.

It shall be the duty of the Bishop, or in case of his absence, of the Standing Committee, to call a special meeting of the Convention, whenever be, or they, shall deem it necessary.

ARTICLE IX.

Of Voting in Convention.

In all matters requiring the suffrages of the Convention, with the exception contained in the Third Article of the Constitution, the members shall deliberate and vote as one body, but any two Clergymen, or the Delegation from any two Churches, may call for a separate vote of each Order, when the Clergy shall vote individually, (two or more Clergymen representing the same Church having one vote,) and the Lay-Delegates by Churches, (a majority of each Delegation having one vote,) and a majority of both Orders shall, in each case, be necessary to a decision.

ARTICLE X.

Trial of a Clergyman.

Wilful error in religion, or deviation from the Rubric of the Church; charges of viciousness of life, and disorderly behaviour, may be exhibited against a Clergyman to the State Convention; and on clear and sufficient proof thereof, by *viva voce* evidence, on oath duly administered in the Convention, or by a commission to take such, duly executed, such Clergyman shall be pronounced guilty, or not guilty, as the Convention shall determine; and the Bishop shall proceed to admonish, censure, suspend, or degrade such Clergyman, as in his judgment, the nature of the case, or the usages, or interest, of the Church may require. And he shall, in the name of the Convention, inform the Vestry, or Congregation of the Church, in which such Minister is officiating at the time, of such censure, suspension, or degradation.

ARTICLE XI.

Committees of Correspondence.

The Delegates of the several Churches to the State Convention, shall, during the recess of the Convention, be Corresponding Committees, intrusted with the duty of informing the Standing Committee of the situation of their respective Churches; and generally such other things as may relate to the temporal and spiritual interests of the Protestant Episcopal Churches in this Diocese.

ARTICLE XII.

Of the Admission of Churches, or Parishes, into the Convention.

Whenever a Church or Parish, not now entitled to a representation, shall be desirous of uniting with the Convention of the Church in this Diocese, they shall apply by letter to the Bishop, or when there is no Bishop, to the Standing Committee, stating the due organization of their Church, the election of their Vestrymen and Church Wardens, their means, or prospects, for the support of a Minister, and their willingness to conform to the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention, and the Constitution and Canons of the Convention of this Diocese, which are now, or hereafter may be enacted by authority of the same. And at the Convention next succeeding the receipt of such application, the Bishop, or Standing Committee, shall communicate the same to the Convention, for their decision thereon. Should the Convention make a favourable decision, the said Church shall then be considered in union with the Convention of the Church of this Diocese, and Delegates therefrom may be immediately received.

ARTICLE XIII.

Chartered Rights of Churches.

No Article, Canon, Rule, or other Regulation of any General or State Convention, shall be obligatory on any Episcopal Church within this Diocese, where the same shall be found to infringe on any of its chartered rights.

ARTICLE XIV.

Of Delegates to the General Convention.

To the intent that the Church in this Diocese should not be unrepresented in the General Convention, the Clerical or Lay-Delegate, or Delegates, who may be hereafter nominated thereto, shall, in the absence of one or more of their colleagues, be empowered to nominate and appoint, in the place of such absent Delegate, or Delegates, any citizen or citizens of this State; *Provided*, that such citizen or citizens is or are, a member or members, of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this Diocese: or if it be inconvenient for any Delegate or Delegates to proceed to the place of meeting, the Bishop is authorized to appoint others in their place.

ARTICLE XV.

Of Rites and Ceremonies.

"The Book of Common Prayer and Administration of the Sacraments, and other Rites and Ceremonies of the Church, according to the use of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America," shall be used in this Diocese.

ARTICLE XVI.

How the Constitution shall be Altered.

No one of these Articles shall be altered or repealed, nor shall any Article be adopted, unless such alteration, repeal, or new Article, be proposed at one Convention, and concurred in by two-thirds of the Churches present, at a subsequent Convention.



CANON I.

On making Collections for the Bishop's Fund.

Every Minister having a Parochial Charge in this Diocese, or his Assistant, shall, from time to time, at his discretion, preach in every Church under his care, a Sermon on the nature and duties of the Episcopal Office: and the Vestry of each Church are requested to make a collection, annually, in aid of the Bishop's Common Fund; or, in lieu of such collection, the Minister and Vestry of such Church may substitute an annual contribution.—*Passed* 1822. *Amended* 1826.

CANON II.

Providing for an accurate view of the state of the Church.

Every Minister, having a Parochial Charge in this Diocese, shall, at or before the meeting of every Annual Convention, deliver, or transmit, to the Bishop, or where there is no Bishop, to the President of the Convention, an accurate statement, in writing, of the number of Baptisms, Burials, and Marriages, in his Parish or Church, during the year ending on the 1st of January preceding—specifying the number of places where, and how often in each, Divine Service is held; the number of Families, Communicants, Adults, and Children under 14 years, attending, or belonging to the same; the number catechised by him. and on how many Sundays; whether there be any Sunday School, and if any, the number of Children and Teachers, and the subjects of instruction in the same; and generally, all such other matters as may tend to throw light on the state of the Church under his care; which reports shall be laid before the Convention, and entered on the Journals, conformably to the 51st General Canon.—*Passed* 1825.

